

Summary of Comments Made at the April 27-28 Focus Group Meeting for Pemberton's Headquarters Use and Treatment Project

Staff Workshop	The multitude of opportunities to share history with the public	Question 1	Group 1	A. Johnson, S. Smith, G. Lee, R. Smith, A. Wolinski, & E. Joyner
Staff Workshop	Parking	Question 2	Group 1	
Staff Workshop	Used for visitor services 1st floor, administration office 2nd floor	Question 3	Group 1	
Staff Workshop	Interpretive Programs	Question 4	Group 1	
Staff Workshop	Yes, Balfour House	Question 5	Group 1	
Staff Workshop	Yes, Eastern	Question 6	Group 1	
Staff Workshop	Front Door & Handicap Ramp	Question 7	Group 1	
Staff Workshop	Relatively good shape & location to downtown. Flexibility of house and Partners nearby.	Question 1	Group 2	T. Winschel, M. Jackson, F. Bland, J. Smith, D. Seifert & K. Foote
Staff Workshop	Inadequate parking (presently). Directional signage/traffic flow. Safety (?) Security.	Question 2	Group 2	
Staff Workshop	Maintenance needs. Less fact-to-face. ADA Issues.	Question 3	Group 2	
Staff Workshop	Main tourist attraction. Outlet for Eastern. Precise representation of 1863. Combination of needs satisfaction.	Question 4	Group 2	
Staff Workshop	Interpretation (of house + city). Sales. Recordings. Administration.	Question 5	Group 2	
Staff Workshop	Yes, by tours (Balfour, Old Court House, antebellum houses). Park administration. History, COE	Question 6	Group 2	
Staff Workshop	MUS. All downtown	Question 7	Group 2	
Staff Workshop	Vick Garden Club, Southern Cultural Center, Ghost Tours and Volunteers			
Staff Workshop	ADA and Shuttle services			
Staff Workshop	Historic, Fits in with Park Purpose/Mandate, Downtown, links us with community, antebellum home, beautiful house	Question 1	Group 3	B. McKay, D. Beichner, V. Wheatley, R. Martin & V. DuBow
Staff Workshop	Parking problems, maintenance problems, staffing issues, isolated from main park	Question 2	Group 3	
Staff Workshop	Antebellum tour home/Pemberton's HQ, office space, Eastern Office, Eastern Store, Conference Center	Question 3	Group 3	
Staff Workshop	Tour, Social functions, meetings/conference, interpretation	Question 4	Group 3	
Staff Workshop	Balfour House, Pilgrimage Tour	Question 5	Group 3	
Staff Workshop	Easter, Pilgrimage Tour, Southern Heritage Cultural Center and Sheffield's Carriage Tours	Question 6	Group 3	
Staff Workshop	Front Door Access - construct a ramp. Work with 1st Presbyterian Church to utilize the parking lot Purchase Old BF Goodrick Store construct parking lot & entrance area from there. Wheel Chair elevator constructed on rear of building.	Question 7	Group 3	
Staff Workshop	Gives us access to downtown Vicksburg. It opens our interpretive perspective (union occupations, usct, etc.) It expands knowledge of Pemberton and his occupation here. Bring visitors to downtown area.	Question 1	Group 4	E. Harrell, J. Cooper, S. Lenior, B. White & E. Jones
Staff Workshop	Additional workload (maintenance). Trying to satisfy all of the people in area. Being competitive to other historic sites.	Question 2	Group 4	
Staff Workshop	Pemberton's HQ Only! Downstairs first then upstairs in the future (?)	Question 3	Group 4	
Staff Workshop	Walking tours (even as early as this summer). Interpretation of Pemberton's HQ	Question 4	Group 4	
Staff Workshop	NO	Question 5	Group 4	
Staff Workshop	NO	Question 6	Group 4	
Staff Workshop	Access for handicapped to enter 1st floor only, 2nd floor access at a later time	Question 7	Group 4	
Staff Comment	Shirley House & Pemberton's HQ should be restored to its original time period. No Eastern - we're not Disney and I don't like the idea of shops around. No special events - I have lots of experience having after hours events to "raise money" It's a drain on the staff personally and professionally. It is a great burden on the site as well and ultimately costs more than you think. A couple of offices would be understandable but not more than that. Don't charge an extra fee. I think the entrance fee is high enough and an increased cost would be an insult to the visitors. I know opening of the site is way off but as I suggested earlier I think we should have the brochure boxes out and maybe outside tours of the house. With minimal staff I think this would be tough. Since we have an alarm system now I don't think having someone live there would be feasible. Take off the back porch addition. Restore the gardens - A coop with the Warren County Master Gardener's would be nice (se had 2 groups at Morristown)	Comment		P. Montague unable to attend meeting
Focus Group	People Tour Home			
Focus Group	How it was in 1863 Downstairs & Upstairs - Include safety access			

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Focus Group	Pemberton's HQ			
Focus Group	Promotion - Attract Tourist - How to get the message out that Vicksburg was the key.			
Focus Group	Pemberton's HQ & Other Ideas of Interest			
Focus Group	Educate Public & Adhere Park			
Focus Group	Things missing Before 2001 - to get congresses attention - to promote & tie park to downtown.			
Focus Group	Address - Reconstruction Period			
Focus Group	How to make people turn right (from park)			
Focus Group	Park of Home Pemberton's HQ			
Focus Group	Other Parts different time Period			
Focus Group	Information how normal citizens lived - stick to time period			
Focus Group	Make an assessment of what we have and don't have to attract people			
Focus Group	1863-1865 Occupied. Possible up to 1876.			
Focus Group	Middle of town - Pemberton's HQ and other uses			
Focus Group	Ways to attract all types of people			
Focus Group	Brief story - but don't have to have all rooms telling the same story.			
Focus Group	Opportunity to tell what was going on while Pemberton was here and after			
Focus Group	Freeman' Bureau			
Focus Group	Walking Tours - Pass out maps from Pemberton's HQ			
Focus Group	Link other attractions (George Washing House, Bethel Church, Anchuca, Duff Green Christ Episcopal Church etc.) to Pemberton's HQ			
Focus Group	Research Center - Genealogy Research			
Focus Group	Not enough room or proper storage fro Genealogy in Historic Structure - Not good for house & expensive			
Focus Group	How Vicksburg was before War -almost largest MS town & growing			
Focus Group	Location Important			
Focus Group	Business center - economics			
Focus Group	How citizen lived during siege			
Focus Group	How did they live after the war in the city			
Focus Group	What did they do when the river changed course (1876)			
Focus Group	Story of US Color Troops			
Focus Group	Keeping it for the future - what people want later or down the road			
Focus Group	Relate reconstruction to common, merchants and rich folks			
Focus Group	Individual stories			
Focus Group	Ear Phones the feed different Information - something to attract children too			
Focus Group	USE of the Building - Treatment of the Building			
Focus Group	Wheel Chair Access Audio device			
Focus Group	Restore & Reconstruct Porch to 1863 time			
Focus Group	Restrooms -			
Focus Group	1919 Addition - Offices or Public Restrooms			
Focus Group	Make the Front like it was 1863 (different porch)			
Focus Group	Inside like it was in 1863 with Fire Place - Keep latter addition			
Focus Group	Too Many Bathrooms			
Focus Group	Street Scape First Phase			
Focus Group	8 years - 150 anniversary of the siege of Vicksburg			
Focus Group	Photos and Information available to display			
Focus Group	1863 period and any side front that is visible			
Focus Group	Not every room needed to tell story			
Focus Group	Recontsruct Kitchen Building & use for Offices and Public Restrooms			
Focus Group	Street not designed for bus traffic			
Focus Group	Physical connection between Battlefield and Pemberton's HQ - have gate way leading them to Pemberton's HQ and Downtown			
Focus Group	Let's make Pemberton's HQ the carrot			

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Focus Group	How are we going to market Pemberton's HQ			
Focus Group	Park's new film could intise visitors			
Focus Group	Develop partnerships for fees with other businesses			
Focus Group	"See Vicksburg Pass"			
Focus Group	Lower Mississippi Historic By-way			
Focus Group	Pemberton's HQ (Home) treasure chest, what kind of key are going to use to open it			
Focus Group	Marketing the key			
Focus Group	Parnership is very important			
Focus Group	Communcation is important			
Focus Group	How are we going to do restrooms			
Focus Group	Video - of upstaris for Handicap - no elervator.			
Focus Group	State can exempt ADA but not taken lightly as much access that is fessible but NPS polciy may be different			
Focus Group	Upstairs - yes for visitors			
Focus Group	Upstairs - yes - maybe some not all for visitors			
Focus Group	upstairs - no			
Focus Group	Civil War to Civil Rights Movement			
Focus Group	Direct NPS to Information			
Focus Group	Look at Souther Cultural Enter Archives - need someone to do it			
Focus Group	Gordon Cotton			
Focus Group	Marie Pantoliano			
Focus Group	Sisters of Mercy			
Focus Group	Brothers of the Sacrate Heart			
Focus Group	Linda Girard			
Focus Group	Bryan Brabston (Willis)			
Focus Group	Sister Paulina in Jackson			
Focus Group	Mrs. Vollor			
Focus Group	Judge Frank Vollor			
Focus Group	Dr. Balzi			
Focus Group	Ann Rolio			
Focus Group	NEXT STEP			
Focus Group	Select Archeticure Enigner Firm			
Focus Group	Hope to Contruct in June 2006			
Focus Group	Would like Public Meeting			
Focus Group	Compile Information for public in form of News Letter			
Focus Group	David Clements - city architecture - design review team			
Mail-In FG				
Leonard Murrell	I want to be certain that the restoratin is fully successful and complimentary of its history	Question 1		
Leonard Murrell	Visitors should be able to see the history of the Pemberton House and become knowledgeable of what happened there. The Pemberton House should be used to tell the story of what happen and where it hanppend in Vicksburg during that period. I think the Pemberton House could also be used as a Vicksburg meeting place, a place where decisions are made.	Question 2		
Leonard Murrell	No information at this time	Question 3		
	All related sites shold be linked by event and time	Question 4		
	Yes, that would represent and increase in visitation and certainly beneficial to the Vicksburg area.	Question 5		
	None at this time.	Question 6		
	Routine Mailings, Receive & comment on draft document and Attend future meetings.	Question 7		